

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 180

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 147

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 180—Relative to the CHP Officers Walter Frago and Roger Gore, Memorial Freeway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 180, Cardoza. CHP Officers Walter Frago and Roger Gore, Memorial Freeway.

This measure would designate a prescribed section of State Highway Route 99 as the "CHP Officer Walter Frago and Roger Gore Memorial Freeway." The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers designating that specified section of State Highway Route 99 and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

WHEREAS, On April 5, 1970, four California Highway Patrol Officers were murdered in one of the worst uniformed police officer killing incidents in American history; and

WHEREAS, Officers George Aleyn, Walter Frago, James Pence Jr., and Roger Gore were gunned down just off of Interstate 5; and

WHEREAS, Two of those officers, Walter Frago and Roger Gore were from Merced County, Officer Frago having grown up in Merced, while Roger Gore resided in Snelling; and

WHEREAS, The officers were on the lookout for a suspect who had been reportedly seen brandishing a weapon; and

WHEREAS, Officer's Frago and Gore were the first on the scene, pulling over a vehicle with two men, when a gun fight ensued leaving both of these fine officers dead at the age of 23 years; and

WHEREAS, This tragic incident continues to live in the memory of the law enforcement community, local residents of Merced County, and citizens throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the sacrifice of these two young men be remembered on a highway memorializing their dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, It is also fitting that the section of highway designated in their memory consist of a section of State Highway Route 99 between Mission Avenue and the new Campus Parkway in Merced County leading to the University of California, Merced, thereby making the promise and dedication of these two fine young officers a symbol to the youth of the new university campus that honor and responsibility are to be taken seriously; and

WHEREAS, This portion of the highway can become a link between the sacrifice of the past which has created the present, and the efforts of all our citizens to forge the future; and

WHEREAS, This memorial highway will continue to remind all of us of the sacrifice all California Highway Patrol officers and other peace officers who continue to perform on a daily basis without regard for personal safety; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby dedicates the section of State Highway Route 99, between Mission Avenue and the new Campus Parkway in Merced County, to the memories of California Highway Patrol Officers Walter Frago and Roger Gore; and be it further

Resolved, That that portion of State Highway Route 99 be officially designated the “CHP Officers Walter Frago and Roger Gore, Memorial Freeway”; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.

